



December 9, 2004

Kara Thielen  
Wireless E911 Director  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
300 The Atrium, 1200 N. Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: E911 Phase I Service Alternative Deployment Agreement  
**Boone County, Nebraska**  
**Fillmore County Nebraska**  
**Stanton-Pierce Counties, Nebraska**

Dear Ms. Thielen:

Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless") and Boone County, Fillmore County, and the City of Norfolk (Stanton-Pierce Counties), Nebraska ("the Counties") are working together, in coordination with the Nebraska Public Service Commission, to deploy wireless E911 Phase I service pursuant to the rules and orders of the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC"). The parties have had on-going discussions regarding the implementation of E911 service following the requests for Phase I service submitted to Western Wireless from the Counties on June 24, 2004, May 5, 2004, and June 29, 2004, respectively. The parties recognize that the successful deployment of E911 service involves many parties and many steps including an assessment of the Local Exchange Carrier ("LEC") infrastructure, an evaluation of the capabilities of the Counties' Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAPs"), a review of the Intrado MPC database, an understanding of the Western Wireless network and Phase I solution, and a comprehensive analysis and deployment of other Phase I network elements including the ordering and delivery of necessary trunks. Consequently, the parties have agreed to a collaborative effort under which they will continue to evaluate the capabilities and readiness of the above-mentioned Phase I network elements to transmit, transport, or receive a Phase I signal consisting of both the ANI and ALI data elements. Following such analysis, the parties agree to put in place on their respective equipment the necessary network components needed to either deliver or receive an E911 Phase I call.


The parties, taking the FCC's E911 deployment rules into account, acknowledge that a request for service is valid when the requesting PSAP is capable of receiving and utilizing the service, and that upon receipt of a valid request, the carrier must deploy service within six months. The parties further recognize that completing a Phase I deployment within the FCC's six-month window may be difficult and the deployment may encounter certain unexpected delays. The parties agree that the best approach to overcoming such obstacles and finishing the deployment is to work together.

The parties desire to work cooperatively to deploy service in good faith and have chosen not to set a final due date for the delivery of service. In consideration of adopting this cooperative approach to completing the E911 Phase I deployment, the parties agree to the following:

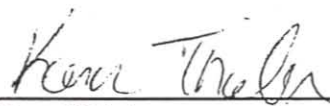
- Western Wireless agrees to not challenge the validity of the Counties' requests for Phase I service.
- Western Wireless agrees to deem the Counties' request for Phase I service as being valid according to the FCC's rules and orders.
- The Counties agrees that the deployment will not be completed within the six month schedule as required by the FCC, and it does not hold Western Wireless responsible for the delay in completing the Phase I deployment.
- The Counties agree to not file a complaint or seek enforcement of the FCC's six month deployment requirement against Western Wireless.
- The parties agree to continue working in good faith to complete the deployment of E911 Phase I service in Boone County, Fillmore County and Stanton-Pierce Counties.
- During the pendency of the on-going deployment process, the parties agree to resolve their differences amongst themselves without involving the FCC or other regulatory agencies.

In recognition of this voluntary and cooperative agreement between the parties, the signatures below so attested.

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